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SUBJECT: SHABA INVASION: EVACUATION OF CIS PERSONNEL FROM KOLWEZI

REF: KINSHASA 4811

1. EMBASSY CONVERSATIONS WITH CIS OFFICIALS EARLY MAY 16 CONFIRMED
THAT CIS EMPLOYEES AT KOLWEZI CAMP REMAIN THERE AND HAVE NOT
ATTEMPTED EVACUATION AS BEING PLANNED IN DIRECTION OF MUSONOIE. AS OF

NOW, TWO DC-3'S REMAIN AT KANANGA-ST. PIERRE AND TWO HELICOPTERS HAVE
ARRIVED AT KABWE-KATANDA (BETWEEN KANIAMA AND KAMINA) WHERE THEY SPENT

THE NIGHT. WE HAVE JUST ADVISED CIS MANAGER ADAMSN THAT GENERAL BABIA

RECOMMENDS STRONGLY AGAINST ANY ATTEMPTED EVACUATION UNDER PRESENT
CIRCUMSTANCES SINCE KATANGAN GENDARMES "FLEEING IN ALL DIRECTIONS"
AND SAFETY CONDITIONS ON ROAD FROM KOLWEZI TO MUSONOIE PARTICULARLY
DANGEROUS.

2. ADAMS TELLS US THAT HE IS RECOMMENDING TO HIS PEOPLE AT KOLWEZI
CAMP THAT THEY REMAIN UNDER COVER FOR THE TIME BEING AND BE
PREPARED TO LEAVE EARLY MAY 17 BY HELICOPTER AND/OR BY ROAD FOR
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MUSONOIE DEPENDING UPON HOW MILITARY SITUATION EVOLVES. DC-3'S
AT KANANGA WHICH WILL BE MOVED TO MUSONOIE EARLY MAY 17 MIGHT
ALSO FLY INTO KOLWEZI CAMP SAME DAY TO ASSIST HELICOPTERS IN LIFTING
OUT CIS PERSONNEL AND FAMILIES, BUT THEIR PRIMARY MISSION WOULD BE TO

TRANSPORT EVACUEES FROM MUSONOIE TO KANANGA.

3. GOS HAS INTERPOSED NO OBJECTION TO DEPARTURE OF CIS PERSONNEL
EARLY MAY 17, BUT GENERAL BABIA HAS TOLD US THAT GOZ CANNOT ASSURE ANY

ASSISTANCE FOR DEPARTING CIS PERSONNEL.
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